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1. AT FIRST MEETING OF NEW WORKING GROUP ON STAGE III
FINNISH AMBASSADOR PEKURI (WHO HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY
FINNS AS SEC GEN FOR CSCE STAGE III) GAVE ORAL PRESEN-
TATION ON THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT'S TECHNICAL PLANS FOR
FACILITIES AND SUPPORT FOR STAGE III. TEXT TRANSMITTED
BELOW. DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED FOCUSED ON IDENTI-
FICATION OF ISSUES RELATING TO STAGE III ON WHICH
DECISIONS WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN IN DUE COURSE. WE
ARE REPORTING THIS DISCUSSION BY
SEPTEL.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR PEKURI'S REMARKS:
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BEGIN TEXT:

A. TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS FOR CSCE, THIRD STAGE

THE TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE THIRD STAGE OF CSCE WERE INITIATED MORE THAN A YEAR AGO: IN FACT, SOME PRE-LIMINARY WORK WAS UNDERTAKEN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST STAGE. THE WORK IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT BY A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF EXPERTS WHO WERE ENGAGED WITH THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS AS WELL AS WITH THE FIRST AND SECOND STAGES OF THE CONFERENCE.

B. MEETING PLACE

THE MEETING PLACE OF THE THIRD STAGE WILL BE IN FINLANDIA HALL TOGETHER WITH ITS NEWLY COMPLETED CONGRESS WING. THE LATTER ADDS TO THE CONFERENCE AREA SOME 4500 M2, THUS PERMITTING THE CONCENTRATION OF ALL MAJOR CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE SECRETARIAT, IN THE SAME PLACE.

THE MAIN AUDITORIUM OF FINLANDIA HALL, WHICH NORMALLY SEATS 1700 PERSONS, WILL BE THE SITE OF THE MEETINGS. AS WAS THE CASE DURING THE FIRST STAGE, IT WILL BE REARRANGED TO ACCOMMODATE APPROXIMATELY 700 PARTICIPANTS. OTHER MEETING ROOMS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE, AND THEY MAY BE USED FOR EVENTUAL WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES, PRESS BRIEFINGS OR OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO THE CONFERENCE.

TO MEET THE NEED FOR EVENTUAL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OR OTHER MEETINGS BETWEEN THE PARTICIPANTS, SOME 20 ADDITIONAL ROOMS OF VARIOUS SIZES WILL BE RESERVED IN FINLANDIA HALL AND IN THE GOVERNMENT BANQUET HALL. THE SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE, WHEN THEY ARE PUBLIC, MAY ALSO BE FOLLOWED OUTSIDE THE MEETING ROOMS IN FINLANDIA HALL BY MEANS OF TV MONITORS OR SPECIAL COLOUR VIDEOSCREENS.

C. SECRETARIAT

THE VARIOUS STAGES OF THE CSCE HAVE ALREADY CREATED A TECHNICAL FRAMEWORK WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE OF THIS CONFERENCE. THE ORGANIZERS OF THE THIRD STAGE, INDEED, HOPE TO RECRUIT THE MAJOR PART OF THE PERSONNEL FROM AMONG THE "VETERANS" WHO HAVE WORKED FOR THE CONSULTATIONS, AND FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF THE SECRETARIAT STAFF WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROXIMATELY 350. THE LINGUISTIC STAFF WILL COMPRISE SOME 200 PEOPLE WHILE THE FINNISH PERSONNEL WILL AMOUNT TO 150. THERE WILL BE 36 INTERPRETERS, 47 VERBATIM REPORTERS, 63 TYPISTS, 34 TRANSLATORS, 19 REVISERS, ETC. (ANNEX). THESE FIGURES ARE BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE GAINED BOTH IN HELSINKI AND IN GENEVA, NOTING THAT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE STIPULATE THE KEEPING OF VERBATIM RECORDS AT THE THIRD STAGE.

THE SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT WHO WILL CONDUCT THE TECHNICAL WORK OF THE CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE SOME 30 FINNISH FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS. IT IS THE HOPE OF THE FINNISH ORGANIZERS TO INCLUDE A NUMBER OF SWISS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS IN THE LEADING BODY OF THE SECRETARIAT. THE FRUITFUL FINNISH-SWISS CO-OPERATION IN THE SECRETARIAT OF THE SECOND STAGE MERITS TO BE CONTINUED IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY.

D. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

THE NEED FOR HOTEL ROOMS AND OTHER ACCOMMODATION, BOTH FOR THE DELEGATIONS AND THE COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA WILL PROBABLY BE MUCH GREATER THAN DURING THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE. THIS HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PARTICIPANTS, THE PRESS AND THE SECRETARIAT. SOME OF THE MAIN HOTELS WILL BE ENTIRELY RESERVED FOR THE DELEGATIONS.

ANY ADVANCE INDICATION CONCERNING THE SIZE OF THE DELEGATIONS AND THE PRESS CORPS WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE ORGANIZERS. AS SOON AS THE DATE OF THE THIRD STAGE IS KNOWN, THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES IN HELSINKI WILL BE INFORMED OF THE ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE COMMUNICATIONS OF THE DELEGATES WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, ADDITIONAL TELEX EQUIPMENT AND TELEPHONES FOR INTERNATIONAL CALLS WILL BE INSTALLED IN FINLANDIA HALL. SIMILAR FACILITIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED, IF NECESSARY, IN HOTELS AND IN DIPLOMATIC MISSION. THE NUMBER OF DIRECT TELEPHONE AND TELEX LINES FROM HELSINKI ABROAD WILL BE INCREASED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CONFERENCE.

F. PRESS FACILITIES

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THE THIRD STAGE OF THE CSCE IS LIKELY TO AROUSE GREAT INTEREST AMONG INFORMATION MEDIA. THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE WAS COVERED BY 450 FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. THE ORGANIZERS ARE PREPARED THIS TIME TO RECEIVE A CONSIDERABLY GREATER NUMBER OF THEM. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS AND TV AS WELL AS THE PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE GIVEN WORKING SPACE IN THE MAIN MEETING ROOM OF THE CONFERENCE WHEN THE SESSIONS ARE PUBLIC. SPECIAL WRITING ROOMS WILL BE RESERVED FOR JOURNALISTS IN THE NEW CONGRESS WING OF FINLANDIA HALL. A COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE INCLUDING OVER 50 TELEX MACHINES AND TELEPHONES FOR INTERNATIONAL CALLS WILL ALSO BE INSTALLED. AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE, RESERVED MAINLY FOR THE PRESS, WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN HOTEL MARSKI. AT THE HELSINKI AIRPORT, THE PRESS WILL BE GIVEN

FACILITIES TO FOLLOW THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF THE DELEGATES. A PRESS ROOM ADJACENT TO THE RECEPTION LOUNGE FOR THE DELEGATES WILL BE AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE JOURNALISTS. ALL ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN TV AND BROADCASTING COMPANIES WILL BE CO-ORDINATED BY THE CONFERENCE PRESS CHIEF AND THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY OF FINLAND. REQUESTS AND INQUIRIES CONCERNING TECHNICAL FACILITIES, STUDIO SPACE ETC. CAN ALREADY BE MADE TO THIS COMPANY. THE PRESS SECTION OF THE SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING THE PRESS COUNSELLORS AND ATTACHES OF THE FINNISH FOREIGN SERVICE, WILL BE THE LIAISON ORGAN BETWEEN THE CONFERENCE AND THE INFORMATION MEDIA.

G. SECURITY

THE FINNISH AUTHORITIES WILL, OF COURSE, PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE SECURITY OF THE CONFERENCE AND ITS PARTICIPANTS. THE SECURITY MEASURES MAY SOMETIMES CAUSE INCONVENIENCES TO THE PARTICIPANTS FOR WHICH THE ORGANIZERS ASK INDULGENCE AND UNDERSTANDING. THE FINNISH AUTHORITIES WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CONTACTS THAT THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES OF OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES MAKE WITH THEM IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL SECURITY PLANNING.

H. BUDGET

FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS A DETAILED BUDGET OF THE THIRD STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE CANNOT YET BE DRAWN UP. IT CAN BE ESTIMATED THE COST OF THE THIRD STAGE WILL CONSIDERABLY EXCEED THE LEVEL OF THE FIRST STAGE. THIS IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DUE TO THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE SCOPE OF THE THIRD STAGE WILL BE WIDER BUT ALSO TO THE FACT THAT THE PRICES AND THE SALARIES HAVE INCREASED SINCE JULY 1973. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE TOTAL COST WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 40 PCT HIGHER THAN THAT OF THE FIRST STAGE. END TEXT

3. IN QUESTIONS FOLLOWING PRESENTATION PEKURI MADE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS: (A) THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT HAS IN MIND A DINNER, TO BE GIVEN BY PRESIDENT KEKKONEN, AS WELL AS A LARGER RECEPTION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS, BUT PLANS FOR THESE EVENTS ARE NOT YET FIRM. (B) HELSINKI WILL BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE DELEGATES THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE OF CONFERENCE BUT TECHNICAL FACILITIES SHOULD BE READY BEFORE THAT. (C) FINNISH GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER TO COORDINATE TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN HELSINKI RATHER THAN IN GENEVA COUT COULD ALSO ANSWER QUESTIONS HERE. (D) ON-SITE COORDINATION OF TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE HANDLED BY PEKURI OR HIS ASSISTANT AMBASSADOR VAARTELA IN CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT OFFICE OF FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY. ABRAMS

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